Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, In 1951, Phyllis O'Connor joined the South Dakota Employment Security Department and helped to plan and coordinate the annual International Association of Personnel in Employment Security (IAPES) conference which was held in Rapid City, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Phyllis became an official member of IAPES in 1952, and has continued to be a loyal, dedicated member for a total of 57 years. She has led workshops for the state International Association of Workforce Professionals (IAWP) conferences in Rapid City to enhance workforce development efforts; and,

Whereas, Phyllis is the first South Dakotan to attend two International Educational IAPES/IAWP conferences held in Rapid City in two different centuries; and,

Whereas, Phyllis worked as a placement interviewer and counselor with the Employment Security Department for South Dakota until 1972; and,

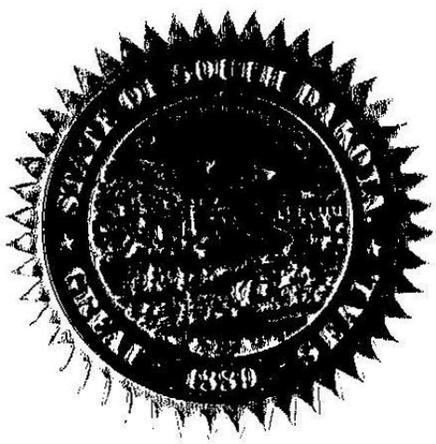
Whereas, Phyllis has been an active individual in the Rapid City community teaching tennis and swimming lessons, and now at 97 years old, she is taking a break to slow down a bit; and,

Whereas, Phyllis has always demonstrated a keen sense of humor, outstanding positive attitude, and a desire to help individuals better themselves, and she will be honored on June 15, 2009, at the IAWP awards luncheon during its 96th Annual Educational Conference in Rapid City:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2009, as

PHYLLIS O'CONNOR DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Teresa J. Bray, Deputy

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State